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LETTER DATED 14 NOVEMBER 1997 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 9 (b) (i) OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 687 (1991)

The Security Council takes note of your letter of 13 November 1997 (S/1997/883), in which you informed it that, as a result of the Government of Iraq's non-compliance with Council resolution 1137 (1997), you have decided to withdraw temporarily from Iraq the majority of UNSCOM personnel.

In view of this development with regard to activities of UNSCOM in the territory of Iraq, we welcome your intention to present to the Council an assessment of the ability of UNSOM, in the current circumstances, to perform its mandate, including your views on the need for an emergency meeting of the Special Commission.

(Signed) QIN Huasun
President of the Security Council

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